

## DAU meeting to reject Smith deal

TRIPOLI, Feb. 21 (R). — A meeting of African foreign ministers here will reject current Rhodesian settlement talks in Salisbury but would like Britain to bring together internally-based nationalists and guerrilla leaders, conference sources said today. They said the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Council of Ministers meeting here will almost certainly approve without amendment or debate a tough motion totally rejecting the Salisbury talks. In Rhodesia a wide gap opened yesterday between black nationalists and Premier Ian Smith over the division of power in an administration designed to lead Rhodesians to black rule, sources close to the Salisbury settlement conference reported.

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## Final touches put on Swiss deal with RSS

## Lively debate on uranium extraction, education marks 4th day of conference

By Ian Kellas  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Feb. 21 — Today's half-day session at the science and technology policy conference was brought to an end with a discussion on the feasibility of extracting uranium from Jordan's phosphate deposits. Guest participants then set out on a visit to Yarmouk University.

In the last of four papers this morning Prof. Friedrich Kender reviewed Jordan's mineral potential, concluding that "regrettably, nature has not supplied Jordan too amply with mineral resources... there still exist a number of chances which should be pursued". In addition to current work on phosphates he suggested in particular further research on hydrocarbons, uranium, copper ore, plumbous rocks and glass sand.

Head of the Middle Section of the U.S. National Science Foundation, Dr. Gilbert Deyve, earlier appealed to the conference for cooperation in an international "bio-saline" research programme.

Using the desert

He told the Jordan Times that scientists ought to look at desert and unutilized heat more positively than they have in the past. He mentioned experiments in the States which had shown that barley could be planted in sand and watered from the sea. More ambitiously, there has always been the scientist's dream that hydrogen could be extracted from sea water, thus providing a massive new source of energy for the world.

He warned that basic science must not be neglected in developing countries. Prof. Ming Che Chang, President of the National Tsing Hua University, had earlier revealed that Taiwan spends up to 15 per cent of its total research effort on basic science. Prof. Chang was giving a personal account of the way in which technological develop-

ment had been fostered in his country. He suggested, for instance, that in some industries Taiwan was compelled to do its own research and development (R and D) because crucial technological information was withheld by foreign commercial competitors. In other sectors this was not the case and technology could simply be copied.

A paper read by Dr. William Sangster, Dean of the Georgia Institute of Technology, in effect accused Americans of opting for "technological illiteracy" and warned Jordan to resist this in its educational policy.

What brain drain "problem"? This paper set off a good deal of debate in which the favourite topic of brain drain featured prominently. Minister of Education Abdul Salam Majali however told the Jordan Times after the session that there is "no real problem about the (Continued on page 2)



Joyful embraces are exchanged among the 41 surviving Egyptian commandos who arrived in the middle of the night at Cairo airport from their mission in Cyprus. (AP wirephoto)

## Atherton quietly picks up mediation effort with talks in Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 21 (R). — The Middle East peace process resumed unobtrusively today as United States Ambassador-at-large Alfred Atherton began a fresh attempt to put together acceptable wo-

rding for a declaration of principles on an Arab-Israeli settlement. After a two-hour meeting with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, Mr. Atherton declined to tell reporters what went on beyond saying that the declaration of principles was discussed.

"I think it is probably not useful for me after each of these discussions to say precisely where we are and who is saying what to whom," the U.S. envoy told reporters. Foreign Minister Dayan said: "I quite agree... just give us a chance to work for a while."

After the diplomatic fireworks of the past few weeks, both parties were clearly anxious to avoid the kind of public wrangling which preceded the breakdown of last month's foreign ministers' conference in Jerusalem.

Mr. Atherton arrived in Jerusalem last night. He said he expected to leave for Cairo tomorrow and return here later in the week.

The declaration of principles is now seen as the key to reviving the flagging peace momentum. Israeli diplomats hope that agreement on the declaration would encourage other countries — notably Jordan — to join in the negotiations.

When Mr. Atherton last left Jerusalem at the end of January a main sticking point was the wording of the passage relating to the future of Palestinians and the West Bank.

Israel could not accept the American proposal phrasing which referred to "the legitimate rights of the Palestinians to participate in determination of their own future." The Israelis balked at the words "legitimate rights" because this is regarded as Arab parlance for an independent Palestinian state — something Israel has consistently refused to allow.

Begin hopes to dispel friction with U.S.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin is believed to be hoping the declaration can be agreed before his visit to Washington to meet President Carter next month.

Along with this Mr. Begin was clearly keen to obtain agreement of his cabinet on a new approach to the problem of Jewish settlement on occupied Arab territory — a source of sharp dispute between Israel and the United States.

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman was believed to have urged the cabinet yesterday to halt all new settlement. The cabinet is due to give its verdict on this next Sunday.

With an agreement on settlements and a declaration of principles in his pocket, Mr. Begin might well hope to dispel some of the Israeli-U.S. friction which built up over the settlement issue and came to a head with the proposal to sell American warplanes to Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

## Egypt orders prompt recall of diplomatic mission in Cyprus

CAIRO, Feb. 21 (Agencies). — Egypt today ordered all its diplomats in Cyprus to return home immediately as a result of the Larnaca airport battle between Egyptian commandos and Cypriot troops, Cairo Radio said.

The move came as the country prepared a lavish military funeral for the 15 Egyptians killed in the attempt on Sunday to rescue hostages that went disastrously wrong.

The radio said Prime Minister Mammoudh Salem called Egypt's ambassador and his staff home following a cabinet decision yesterday.

Egypt which sent the force to Cyprus to release 11 Arab hostages being held by two gunmen aboard a commandeered airliner, accused Cyprus of responsibility for the fighting.

One Egyptian newspaper accused Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou of "collusion with Palestinian terrorism."

President Kyprianou charged Egypt with violating Cyprus's sovereignty by landing troops on the island without permission.

Cairo Radio said Mr. Salem also had a meeting today with the Cypriot ambassador, Mr. Antis Soteriades. It gave no further details but the envoy said he had not yet been told to leave Egypt.

He told Reuters: "I have not been notified by the Egyptian government to withdraw my mission and I have had no instructions from the Cyprus government to do so, therefore I am staying here."

Official sources said President Anwar Sadat, currently visiting the Suez Canal zone, today received a report on latest

developments on the Cyprus incident.

"The report included all the repercussions and the implications of the past few days," the sources said.

Thousands of mourners are expected at tomorrow's funeral for the victims of the Cyprus operation and the Egyptian military will be ferrying people to the Cairo suburb of Nasr where the procession will begin.

Kyprianou ready to meet Sadat

President Kyprianou said today he was prepared to meet President Sadat to heal the rift caused by the bloody shootout at Larnaca airport.

Mr. Kyprianou said his government would do its utmost to restore friendly relations with Cairo and he appealed to Arab leaders not to turn Cyprus into an arena for settling Middle East conflicts.

He said he had not yet received any official word from the Egyptians on their decision to have envoys from both countries recalled from Cairo and Nicosia.

"I would like to appeal to President Sadat to do his best to calm down the atmosphere in his country... and to try, both of us, to restore the old relations and the old friendship," he told a news conference.

Egypt's unilateral decision to

withdraw its diplomatic mission from Nicosia and to ask Cypriot diplomats to leave Cairo was taken at a special session of the Egyptian cabinet Monday night.

Egyptian Information Minister Abdul Moneim Sawy said afterward, "it is neither a freeze nor a break in relations."

President Kyprianou said he only learned of the Egyptian decision from the news media. It also was his interpretation that the action "does not mean the breaking off of relations."

Mr. Kyprianou however, accused Egypt of "distortion of facts" in airing its version of the Larnaca clash.

"One of the unfounded allegations," he said, "is that the commando plane arrived as the result of a prior agreement (between the two governments). This is completely unfounded." Mr. Kyprianou also "categorically" denied that his government had made a deal with the two terrorists to grant them safe-conduct out of the country in return for release of their captives.

The haggard but cheerful survivors of the ill-fated Egyptian commando raid returned home early today morning to a heroes' welcome from the entire Egyptian cabinet.

When the shock troops arrived, they were greeted by fellow officers, who hugged and kissed them on the tarmac at Cairo airport.

## PLO will "strike with iron fist" at those behind Sibai killing

Gunmen may have been after Fahoum

The source said the gunmen had planned to assassinate two senior Palestinian leaders who had been scheduled to attend the Cyprus conference, of the Cairo-based Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Organisation.

Before the attack, they had asked where to find Khaled Fahoum, Speaker of the Palestinian National Council (parliament) and Abdullah Hwarani of the PLO Information Department.

It was not immediately known why neither man had attended the conference, or whether Mr. Sibai had been selected as a last-minute victim in the place.

Three PLO officials were among the hostages taken by the gunmen. They were released unharmed after a pitched battle between Cypriot national guardsmen and Egyptian com-

mandos sent to try to rescue the hostages.

The Palestinian sources said that Abu Nidal has continued waging his private war from Baghdad, with Iraqi protection and support, since his dismissal from Fateh.

They believed he directed an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam in Abu Dhabi last October, and may have been responsible for the murder of Mr. Said Hammami, the PLO representative in London, in January this year.

They said he cooperated closely with Dr. Wadi Haddad, another breakaway guerrilla who understood to have masterminded the hijack of a Lufthansa Boeing 737 to Mogadishu in October last year.

Mr. Haddad has been reported in Baghdad and Tripoli since being dismissed from the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in January 1976.

## Unrest spreads to Tehran as army moves into Tabriz

TEHRAN, Iran Feb. 21 (AP). — The Iranian army took over the northern city of Tabriz today and fresh reports reaching here said the death toll from rioting which erupted over the weekend rose to at least nine.

Newspapers reported at least 250 persons were arrested on suspicion of being Islamic Marxists, the underground movement that is officially blamed for the riots.

Meanwhile, in Tehran, students smashed windows on the campus of Mali University today. It was the first reported unrest in the capital in apparent sympathy with the Tabriz demonstrators.

The riots began Saturday in response to religious leader Ayatullah Shariatmadari's call for a business shutdown to commemorate Islamic demonstrators' clashes with police in the southern city of Qum.

## Assad: USSR essential for M.E. peace

DAMASCUS, Feb. 21 (R). — The Syrian President Hafez Assad said in Moscow tonight that a just and lasting peace in the Middle East will only be achieved according to United Nations resolutions and with the effective participation of the Soviet Union.

President Assad, who arrived in Moscow yesterday for a three-day visit, was replying to a welcoming speech by Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev at a dinner in honour of the Syrian head of state and members of his delegation. The speech was released here tonight.

"It must be clear to all that a just peace in the region can only be achieved in accordance with United Nations resolutions," he said. "It must also be clear that a just peace can only be achieved with the effective participation of the Soviet Union."

## World News Roundup

Talks on joint Arab arms industry begin

Chief of armed forces on official visit to Spain

ABU DHABI, Feb. 21 (R). — Three Gulf states and Egypt began new round of ministerial talks here today on setting up a joint arms industry in Egypt. Defence ministers of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar attended the opening of the one-day meeting of the Arab Industries Organisation (AIO). Egyptian War Minister Gen. Mohammed Abdul Ghani Gammassi did not participate and was represented by Dr. Ashraf Marwan, the Egyptian Chairman of the Cairo-based organisation. No reason was given here or in Cairo for Gen. Gammassi's absence but he was presumably occupied with the aftermath of the Egyptian commando raid at Larnaca airport on Sunday. Opening the meeting, the Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE armed forces, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zaid Al Nahayana, said industrialisation had become "a vital necessity for Arabs to increase their power and crush the arms monopoly" of the big powers.

MADRID, Feb. 21 (AP). — Chief of the Royal Jordanian armed forces, Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, called upon King Juan Carlos, Premier Adolfo Suarez and Defence Minister Lt.-Gen. Manuel Gutierrez Melendo at the start of his four-day official visit here today. While here Lt.-Gen. Shaker will visit Spain's most important military installations, including plants where modern guns and tanks are being built.

King Khaled appeals to Arab League members to support Somalia

CAIRO, Feb. 21 (R). — King Khaled of Saudi Arabia has appealed to all member countries of the Arab League to support Somalia in its conflict with Ethiopia, the league said here today. The king sent a message to the league secretariat in Cairo calling on members to offer Somalia prompt and effective aid in its "tribulations." A spokesman said. The message was sent on to league members. The league has already asked members to help Somalia, a league member, within the framework of the organisation's charter and the joint Arab defence pact.

Husni Mubarak briefs King Hassan on Sadat's tour

RABAT, Feb. 21 (R). — Air Marshal Husni Mubarak, the Egyptian Vice President, spent more than an hour here today with King Hassan of Morocco, reporting on the result of President Anwar Sadat's visits to the United States and Europe, officials said. Vice President Mubarak arrived here at midday from Cairo and was expected to return to Egypt later today.

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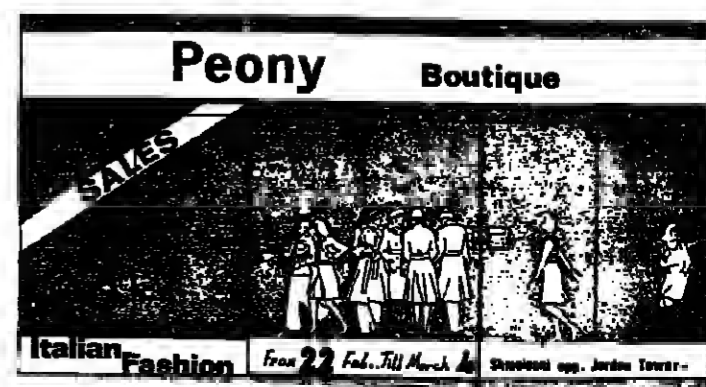
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## Mr. Atherton should remember Paris

The resumption of the peripatetic mediation efforts of U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton this week brings back that dramatic edge to Middle East peace efforts that has been off centre stage for the past three weeks. While the fact of Mr. Atherton's mission is itself a grudgingly positive sign that all hope for a negotiated peace is not yet lost, the overwhelmingly obvious reality is that, while Henry Kissinger jetted around the Middle East four years ago in a precedent-setting, history-making series of high-energy shuttle missions, Mr. Atherton limps in this week in the wake of a new languid peace initiative by President Sadat, using a procedural technique reminiscent in its approach of the now discredited step-by-step philosophy of Mr. Kissinger, and seeking to work out a declaration of principles that will -- if it is pulled off -- barely satisfy the Egyptians and the Israelis, and probably only increase the anti-Sadat feelings of much of the rest of the Arab World.

The single issue that towers above all of Mr. Atherton's activities in the coming weeks is the Israeli unwillingness to budge from a negotiating position that is clearly and emphatically unacceptable to the Arabs, the Americans and the rest of the world. The danger now facing Mr. Atherton and the Americans is the temptation to work out a declaration of principles that is so vague and broad in its language that its imprecision effectively kills its intended catalytic role in bringing other Arab states and the Palestinians into the negotiating process. The declaration of principles has been held out now as such an important first step that it overshadows other concerns further down the road. It is good for all concerned to keep in mind, however, that we are not after a declaration of principles simply to fill up somebody's nice, big negotiating table. What we are all seeking is a full Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab lands and a recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. If this is not made clear in a declaration of principles, then such a declaration is probably not going to be worth much more than the Vietnam peace agreements worked out in Paris many years ago. Remember them?

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Both Al Rai and Al Dustour today examined the implications of the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton's return to the Middle East to "allegedly broaden the scope of negotiations, by providing a formula, through a declaration of principles that allows the participation of other parties to the operation."

The newspaper says the Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan still insists that Jordan's absence from the negotiations is an obstacle blocking their progress. "But," the paper asks, "what is the use of Jordan's participation in the discussion when Israel doesn't recognise the legitimate rights of the Palestinians -- the formula espoused by President Jimmy Carter in Aswan? And on what basis can the negotiations be broadened when the Israeli government is divided within itself over whether to continue or discontinue the settlement policy?"

Al Rai thinks that Israel might exploit the wave of anger presently sweeping Egypt over the assassination of the Egyptian writer and politician Youssef Al Sibai whom President Anwar Sadat described as not only a friend but a brother, to fish in the troubled water and try to lure Egypt into a separate peace settlement.

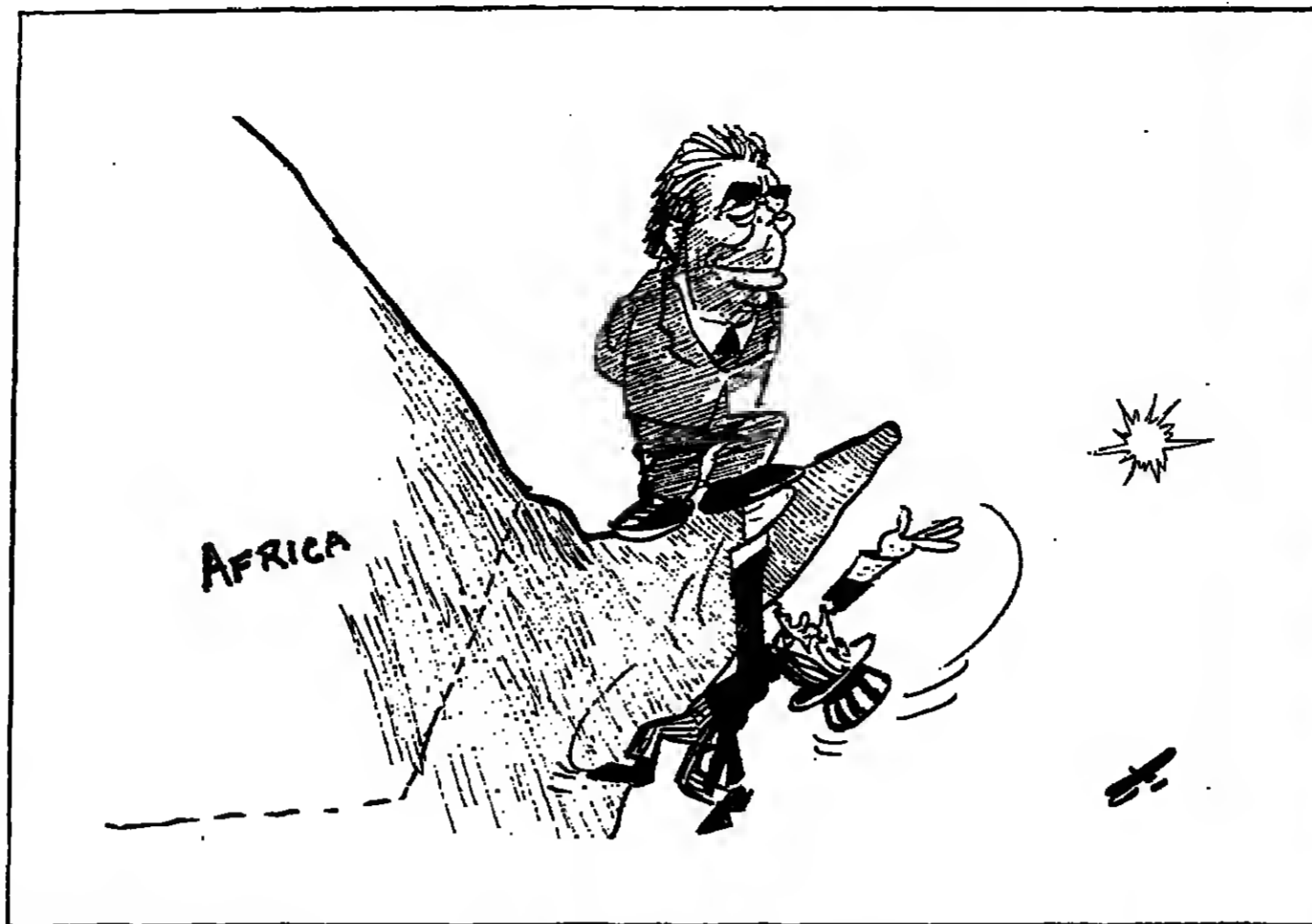
The Israelis, Al Dustour adds, may even go to the extent of "solving the knot of the Sinai settlements" so that Cairo would accede to a separate solution and turn its back on the Arabs.

Such apprehensions do not imply suspicion in President Sadat's sincerity in his commitment to a comprehensive solution of the problem or in Cairo's ability to overcome its present charged up climate. The newspaper says "our hope will remain strong that Cairo would foil any Israeli move aimed at isolating it from the Arab fold."

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## Spirited interest augers well for Amman's basketball league

By Lee S. Tesdell  
Special to the Jordan Times

Amman has its own basketball league this winter for the second year running and those who started it last year are quite proud of its progress. "Everything is working out tremendously, next year we might expand the league," said Frank "Gunny" DeLeon, a member of one of the teams, and the driving force behind the idea of a basketball league. Mr. DeLeon told the Jordan Times that the 1976-77 season "was more or less experimental" with four teams -- U.S. Marines, U.S. Embassy, Zachry Construction Co., and Chase-Manhattan Bank.

This season the additional teams are the German Embassy and the Mennonite Central Committee. The season so far has included two league games. Presently the standings are as follows: Chase Manhattan and the U.S. Embassy each have won twice, the U.S. Marines and the Zachry team each have one loss and one win and the Mennonites and the German Embassy each have two losses.

When asked which team would take first place, Mr. DeLeon said any of the top three teams in the standings at present, have a chance at the honours.

At the end of the season trophies await both the top team and the leading scorer. Contenders for the leading scorer spot are at present Youssef Morcos with 23 points, Cliff Corrie with 20 points, Carl Miller and Mike Woerdemann in hot pursuit with 17 and 16 respectively, John Lowrie with 10 points and Frank DeLeon and Tom Klocid tied with 10 points each. Games are played every Thursday evening at the indoor court at Hussein Sport City with three consecutive contests, one at 18:30, the second



Action on the indoor basketball court.

## Lively debate on uranium extraction, education marks 4th day of conference

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brain drain". On the contrary, he said, Jordan's scientists do return after their studies but are then willingly re-exported. Jordan, he said, had shown that education was a "great economic venture".

Dr. Majali conceded that the country does suffer "sudden shortages" in certain special sectors -- in teachers of English and Science for instance at the moment. But he felt that Jordan's scientists would be persuaded to return if good research institutions were built up here. In the meantime "We are very much in like the heart in the body (of the Middle East)," he said.

### Behind the scenes

The impression is that a good deal has been going on behind the scenes at this conference. Foreign participants are currently taking the opportunity to discuss a number of co-operation projects with their Jordanian counterparts.

Mr. Karl Seiler, of Swiss Technical Cooperation for instance, has been finalising the terms of an agreement between the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and the Swiss government. A grant of about JD 244,000 is being made available to the

RSS; in particular to bolster its materials testing programme. Mr. Seiler told the Jordan Times that the equipment which would be provided under the terms of the agreement would not just be for prestige but would be really useful. He paid credit to the enterprise and resolution of the RSS leadership.

Meanwhile the RSS has also been negotiating with Dr. Arnold de Stordeur, of the Directorate General for Research, Science and Education, Commission of the European Communities. Dr. Stordeur told the Jordan Times that "something very concrete" would be fixed up by mid-year.

There has been cooperation in the past between the European Community and the RSS. Dr. Stordeur singled out solar energy and environmental research as two fields in which genuine co-operative research could be very fruitful.

### Links made

Dr. Sangster, also revealed that he has been drawing up an agreement with Yarmouk University for an exchange of staff and students -- an arrangement which will probably become operative this summer.

For others this was the opportunity to form links for the first time. This is true for Prof. Warren Adams, Economic Adviser to the Intermediate Technology Development Group.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Art Exhibit

The British Council, in cooperation with the Department of Culture and Art, presents an exhibition of works by four young Jordanian artists. The exhibition continues today and runs through Friday 24th.

### Friends of Archaeology

The Friends of Archaeology regret that the Panel Discussion scheduled for 8:30 p.m. at the Haya Arts Centre on Feb. 22nd, has been postponed.

## Prince Hassan stresses Jordan's growth to Australian labour chief



Crown Prince Hassan chats with Mr. Bob Hawke the Australian leader at a meeting in Amman on Tuesday. (JNA photo)

AMMAN, Feb. 21 (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Viceroy, received in his office this afternoon Mr. Bob Hawke, President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions and President of the Australian Labour Party.

Prince Hassan explained to the Australian leader conditions in the area and Jordan's attitude towards Israel's policy in the occupied West Bank as represented in setting up Jewish settlements.

Prince Hassan said this policy, rejected by the world community, exposes Israel's intentions and aggressive policy regarding the occupied Arab territories.

The Crown Prince also reviewed Jordan's development plans and the scientifically-studied method of achieving these plans.

Turning to the Science and Technology Policy conference now being held in Amman, Prince Hassan pointed out that Jordan has achieved growth rates considered to be among the highest in the world, as recognised by the United Nations and the World Bank.

He pointed out that Jordan is a peace-seeking country; and despite its onerous defence commitments, Jordan was able to accomplish much in the economic and social fields.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of Labour, Issam Al Ajlouni, the Dean of the Faculty of Economy and Commerce at the University of Jordan, the Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and the Australian Charge d'Affaires in Damascus.

For his part Mr. Hawke expressed his happiness at meeting Prince Hassan. In an interview with the Jordan News Agency, Mr. Hawke said during the meeting he was able to become directly acquainted with Jordan's viewpoint on the Middle East issue as well as on Jordan's social and economic renaissance under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein and the continuous direction of His Highness Prince Hassan.

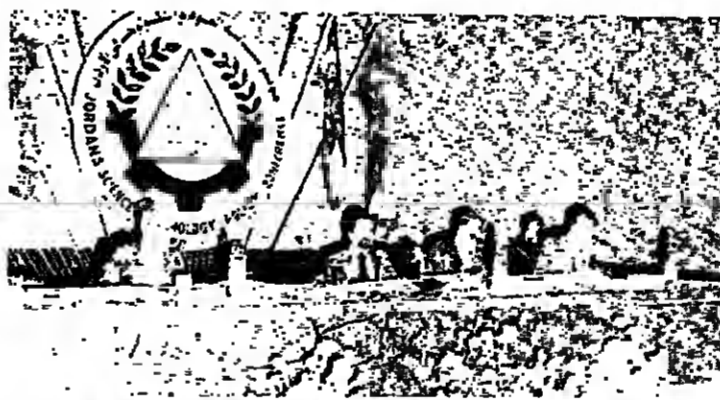
### Labour cooperation

He pointed out that despite restricted resources, Jordan was able, during the recent past, to achieve a high rate of growth, due to its adoption of a sound economic policy based on the best scientific methods, as clearly signified in the three-year and five-year development plans.

Mr. Hawke went on to say that just and lasting peace in the region is an international demand and that all parties concerned should work to reach this goal. Israeli settlements in the occupied land are a handicap in the way of achieving peace in the area, he added.

On the labour movement in Australia he explained that labour associations are an effective factor in Australia's economic and political movements.

He also called for more cooperation among labour unions in both countries to boost the labour movement through the exchange of expertise and reciprocal visits which Australia warmly welcomes in order to strengthen bilateral relations.



Crown Prince Hassan (centre) chairs Tuesday's session of the Science and Technology Policy Conference in Amman. (JNA photo)

This is a coordinating body which exists to encourage the use of "appropriate" technology. Complementing the work which is now being done in places like the U.S. and the U.K. in the field of intermediate technology, research departments have been established recently in Ghana, Pakistan and India.

Prof. Adams hopes to return to Jordan with a view to establishing links with Jordanian institutions or individuals who are interested in this sort of research.

The conference will meet tomorrow to discuss its final report.

## Photographers wanted

The Jordan Times wants to see the work of photographers with black-and-white prints of any and all scenes in Jordan, either individual pictures or collections of photo-stories on a single theme. We are interested in publishing individual photos or photo-stories on a regular basis, and we'd like to see the work of local photographers, both Jordanians and non-Jordanians alike.

If you have photos to show, or would like to do some feature photos for the Jordan Times, please contact Mr. Khouri at the Jordan Times offices any day between 9:00 and 12:00 a.m. and between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. to make an appointment.

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## Modern art group is inspired by work of 5,000 year old Egyptian philosopher

By Ian Kellas  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Feb. 21 — The four young Jordanian artists who are staging their first group exhibition at the British Council this week apparently draw their inspiration from the 5,000-year old art of the Egyptian philosopher Akhnaton and from the German school of neo-realism.

If this sounds a little bewildering, it would be as well to see the exhibition for yourself. I found their theory of "inner realism" artistically elusive.

The actual works, though, are easy to enjoy. Akhnaton is responsible for some neat little paintings built up from a mosaic of very skilfully controlled tones. Some are really pleasing.

Kasem Al Amoudi's work tends more towards surrealism, but it is still graphic and executed with great care. He seems to be fond of brilliant green people and suspended oranges.

Rather different from the others is the work by Ahmad Amoura. His paintings are more impressionistic and all are filled with a golden, dreamy afternoon light.

Rateb Shaban has produced a strangely familiar world crowded with strong bulky but still sensitive figures in an imaginative set of drawings. But he also has on show a number of academic studies which are outstandingly good — in particular a couple of portraits.

The cooperation of the four artists in the group stems from their common admiration for Akhnaton and they have named their group after him. The artists all got to know each other while studying at the Faculty of Art Education in Cairo in the early 1970's. The exhibition remains open until Feb. 24.

"Suffocation," a painting by Rateb Shaban.



Akhnaton as depicted in an Egyptian relief.

## National News Roundup

### Prince Hassan congratulates Qatar ruler

AMMAN, Feb. 21 (JNA). — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Viceroy, today sent a cable of good wishes to the Ruler of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani, on the anniversary of his assumption of his constitutional powers.

### Two customs officials jailed

AMMAN, Feb. 21 (JNA). — The military governor today approved a Martial Court verdict passed against two employees of the Customs Department. The court had sentenced them to two years of hard labour and the payment of a fine after being convicted of embezzlement.

### Water prices up

AMMAN, Feb. 21 (JNA). — The Council of Ministers today approved a new water-rate index for the city of Amman as prepared by the Drinking Water Corporation. It runs as follows: From 0 meters to 20, the charge will be 60 fils per cubic meter, from 21 to 40 it will be 80 fils per cubic meter, from 41 to 100, 180 fils per cubic meter, and from 100 and above, it will be 260 fils per cubic meter. The new rates will be retroactive from Jan. 1 and the charges will be calculated at normal quarterly intervals. They are not accumulative.

### Refugee affairs discussed

AMMAN, Feb. 21 (JNA). — The Minister of Development and Reconstruction Mr. Hassan Ibrahim today discussed with the UNRWA Director General in Jordan, Mr. John Tanner a number of issues connected with Palestinian refugees and people displaced in the 1967 war. The meeting was attended by the ministry under-secretary.

### Housing Bank opens Ma'an branch

AMMAN, Feb. 21 (JNA). — A new branch of the Housing Bank has been opened in the southern town of Ma'an. Sixteen branches altogether are now in operation in various governorates.

### Central Bank prepares to open Irbid branch

AMMAN, Feb. 21 (JNA). — The Jordan Central Bank is making final preparations for the opening of a branch in the northern town of Irbid. The new branch is expected to start operations in the coming few months.

### Exports to Arab states up 45 per cent

AMMAN, Feb. 21 (JNA). — Jordan's exports to Arab states last October increased by 45 per cent against October 1976, reaching a total of JD 2,970,000. Exports during October 1976 amounted to JD 1,862,000. Figures released by the statistics department also revealed that imports from Arab states also went up by 110 per cent during October last year comparison with October 1976. Arab products purchased by the Jordanian market in October 1977 were worth JD 6,310,000, whereas those of October 1976 amounted to JD 2,991,000.

### Free Zones director returns from Manila

AMMAN, Feb. 21 (JNA). — The Director of the Free zones corporation, Ali Al Hassan, returned here today after representing Jordan at the meetings of the free zones specialists held at the Philippines capital of Manila under United Nations supervision. Mr. Al Hassan told JNA upon his return that basic rules for the Federation of International Free Zones were laid down and a chairman and board of directors of the Federation were elected. He said the International Federation aims at increasing cooperation between free zones around the world and the exchange of technology and expertise among its members for the purpose of developing national economies.

### Yarmouk University students return after Shumeh work camp

IRBID, Feb. 21 (JNA). — About 100 male and female students from the Yarmouk University today ended a three-day voluntary service at the town of Shumeh in the Irbid governorate. They lived in camps under the supervision of the university and carried out various sorts of maintenance work on roads and irrigation systems, as well as farming and rubbish clearance and carrying out education and social activities.

### Co-operation in Islamic studies discussed by Jordanian universities and New York institute

AMMAN, Feb. 21 (JNA). — A number of deans of faculties from the Universities of Jordan and Yarmouk and a delegation from the New York based Aspen Institute for Islamic Studies today discussed scientific and cultural cooperation between the two universities and the institute. The Aspen Institute delegation, which arrived here yesterday on a three-day visit to Jordan, today visited the University of Jordan and was briefed on the achievements of the colleges and departments. The institute prepares and translates Islamic studies and researches for publication in cooperation with Arab and Islamic studies institutes.

### Jordanian-Egyptian trade talks open Wednesday

AMMAN, Feb. 21 (J.T.). — Jordanian-Egyptian economic talks begin tomorrow (Wednesday) at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce here. Jordan's delegation will be led by the Ministry's Under-Secretary, Dr. Hashem Dabbas, and the Egyptian delegation by the Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Youssef Salah Abbadi, who was due to arrive this evening at the head of his country's delegation. Meanwhile Dr. Dabbas reviewed Jordanian-Dutch economic relations when he met with the Dutch ambassador in Amman on Monday. Discussion touched on possible conclusion of an economic agreement between the two countries during negotiations expected within the next two months.

## Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	Nominal share value	Volume traded	Opening price	Highest selling price	Lowest selling price	Closing price	Last buying bid	Last selling bid
1. Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	2,300	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	—	1,100
2. Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	576	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	—	2,250
3. Arab Aluminium Factory	JD 1,000	3,120	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.950	1,000
4. Jordan Cement Factory	JD 10,000	477	15,900	15,900	15,900	15,900	15,900	16,000
5. Jordan Ceramics Factory	JD 1,000	570	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,050
6. Jordan Textiles Factory	JD 1,000	400	1,050	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.950	—
7. Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	4,816	6,750	6,800	6,800	6,800	—	—
8. Garage Owners Co.	JD 1,000	487	4,100	3,900	3,900	3,900	—	3,900
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